

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1709 - HB 2085

March 24, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the jurisdiction of municipal courts to hear violations of certain motor vehicle and underage drinking offenses that mirror state criminal provisions for these offenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds
\$330,000/Permissive**

Other Fiscal Impact – There will be a shift of county revenues and expenditures to municipalities. The amount of such shift will be consistent with the fine revenue generated for the specified offenses and the administrative cost to process such misdemeanors.

Assumptions:

- Approximately 5% or 13 out of approximately 250 municipal judges will need an additional staff member at an average salary and benefit cost of \$26,000 to carry out the provisions of the bill.
13 X \$26,000 = \$338,000
- No change in the amount of fines levied for the specified offenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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